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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices continued unchanged throughout entire week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Breaking stock prices were lower while checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for the mostly light buying interest. Supplies were in balance to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings were in close balance with fairly good demand. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4.5 to 10 cents, mostly 4.5 to 7 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good in areas with feature activity. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for the mostly light buying interest. Supplies were in balance to ample, mostly fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	45-47
LARGE	41-49	43-46
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,  
western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone remained steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were usually adequate to fully adequate for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	51-55
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,  
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

Aug 27, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	53.00	51.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	32.00
MIDWEST	46.00	44.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	50.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	50.79	48.92	32.42

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	08-31-04	08-24-04	09-02-03
Large	24-31	24-31	60-64
Medium	10-14	10-14	38-40

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 30, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	23.7	6.7	12.5	10.4	62.4	
	Change	-2.4	-4.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-11%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	58.5	21.8	27.2	25.0	155.4	
	Change	-1.4	-11.9	2.6	2.7	-7.9	-9%	
Large	Curr Wk	47.0	115.3	68.8	91.7	101.7	424.5	
	Change	0.9	-6.3	3.7	-1.2	7.7	1%	
Medium	Curr Wk	17.4	46.3	10.6	28.3	43.0	145.6	
	Change	0.3	6.6	-2.7	2.9	3.0	8%	
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	10.9	3.4	9.2	13.9	42.6	
	Change	-1.0	3.1	-0.7	-5.9	1.7	-6%	
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	36.9	8.5	19.0	6.0	75.3	
	Change	1.3	3.8	0.2	2.7	-1.1	10%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.8	44.0	21.0	32.0	27.3	151.1	
	Change	4.2	-17.2	0.9	1.7	-2.5	-8%	
Total	Curr Wk	133.3	335.6	140.8	219.9	227.3	1,057.0	
	Percent Change	2%	-7%	3%	1%	0%	-2%	
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators		
Shell Egg		1,057.0		-2%		171		
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		264.0		-9%		35		
Total Shell Egg		1,321.0		-3%		206		

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 28-AUG-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,322,490	31,480	12,765	6,438	2,696	4,498
PW	1,308,226	30,939	12,861	6,387	2,798	4,381
LY	1,255,064	29,960	11,692	6,262	2,583	4,454
% CHG PWK	1	2	-1	1	-4	3
% CHG LY	5	5	9	3	4	1
2004	41,773,613	991,477	401,140	217,743	94,276	143,090
2003	39,311,616	957,211	358,897	196,519	79,699	142,129
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	11	18	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.72	41.71	41.73
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.32	38.36	38.18

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 21	AUG 28	AUG 21	AUG 28
	Thousand			
AL	30,158	30,106	21,526	21,657
AR	*31,803	31,540	*26,539	24,738
DE	*3,773	3,693	*4,912	5,241
FL	1,348	1,339	1,467	1,313
GA	33,535	33,490	26,884	27,493
KY	*7,073	7,314	*6,397	6,465
LA	3,923	3,968	3,719	3,914
MD	*8,886	8,879	*6,119	5,880
MS	19,713	18,790	17,179	17,055
NC	18,122	17,651	*14,629	14,135
OK	6,739	6,478	4,926	4,693
PA	3,963	3,850	2,929	2,677
SC	3,856	4,131	4,661	4,242
TX	15,260	15,302	12,702	12,872
VA	6,572	6,612	5,209	5,197
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,797	17,231	*15,870	17,315
19 State Total	*212,521	210,374	*175,668	174,887
Previous Year Total	205,998	203,135	169,295	169,271
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	104	103

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Oct-04 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.63 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/26/04-09/01/04

CURRENT LDS 64.50 FUTURE LDS 58.00 TOTAL LDS 122.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.00	33.75	30.00	31.57	—	—	20.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.13	31.00	4.00
GL W J	—	—	53.00	54.50	51.00	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	44.87	41.00	42.95	39.32	40.50	52.00
GL W LG	—	42.50	37.75	39.00	35.00	40.50	16.50
GL W MD	25.33	26.40	21.75	23.50	29.00	24.00	12.00
GL W SM	26.13	27.88	21.30	23.40	17.75	20.50	7.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	31.00	35.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	29.00	30.67	—	33.00	32.50	31.38	34.00
NRBS - 42	—	23.00	—	—	20.00	—	5.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 28-AUG-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	25.2	23.9	5	7
Boston	3.3	3.6	-8	0
Chicago	64.5	59.0	9	-3
Detroit	28.7	29.2	-2	-2
Kansas City	4.5	2.7	67	2
Los Angeles	96.8	90.3	7	10
New Orleans	6.4	7.1	-10	-42
New York	28.6	27.7	3	-2
St. Louis	17.7	16.9	5	2
San Francisco	19.1	19.3	-1	-17
Total	294.8	279.7	5	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	285.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 28-AUG-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSANDS				
Head	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
Avg Wt	15.47	35.42	23.89	31.51	27.31
Last week	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
Same wk yr ago	2,027	2,857	93	2	4,979
Avg Wt	15.43	33.94	23.72	30.51	26.21
To-date/2004	58,959	86,432	1,711	266	147,368
To-date/2003	63,838	92,948	2,186	478	159,450

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

Week ending 28-AUG-04

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	LIVE WT
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-		
North East	812	4	21.40	(A)	815	21.40
South Atlantic	808	4	30.22	(A)	811	30.22
North Central	2,211	3	30.52	(A)	2,214	30.52
South Central	477	-6	20.40	(A)	480	20.40
West	369	34	23.44	(A)	371	23.44
U.S. total	4,677 (B)	4	27.31	14	4,691	27.31

To-date

2004 147,102 (B) 266 147,368

To-date

2003 158,972 (B) 478 159,450

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000 for the current year to date 1,711,000; for last year to date 2,186,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 28-Aug-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867	455
Avg Wt	5.30	3.36	8.01	5.91	6.75
Last week	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955	506
Same wk yr ago	162,103	1,229	1,556	2,785	379
Avg Wt	5.05	3.64	8.09	6.13	6.58
To-date/2004	5,311,518	46,227	45,123	91,350	15,852
To-date/2003	5,244,870	51,994	47,527	99,521	14,125

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.7 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL**

Week ending 04-Sep-04

CLASS	Current Week 09/04/04(1)	Previous Week 08/28/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	172,708(2)	170,398
Light hens	1,453	1,449
Heavy hens	1,557	1,523
Total	175,718	173,370

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Sep-04 is 163.9 million head compared to 138.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 173.1 million head or 9.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Sep-04 the estimated available is 163.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	24	163.2	167.1	98%
	31	163.7	166.4	98%
August	7	161.5	164.8	98%
	14	163.0	165.1	99%
	21	165.8	165.5	100%
	28	166.7	165.0	101%
Year to date	5376.1	5471.9	98%	
September	4	163.9		
	11	163.0		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 08/30/04-09/03/04 (cents per lb.)

U.S. GRADE A				COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	62.00-65.00	67.33	42	68.95	78
Los Angeles	85.00	82.53	60	76.28	162
New York	65.00-68.00	65.67	24	69.72	51

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Change from			
30-Aug-04	23-Aug-04	23-Aug-04	1-Sep-03
71.72	-2.62	74.34	68.18
Number of loads	719		
<b>Monthly weighted average price for RTC broiler/fryers</b>			
Month	Weighted Average	Loads	
August	75.44	2647.60	

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES,  
COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER  
LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-75	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)				Processed other
	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS	
AM 08/30/04	3,315	180,545	56,520	
AM 08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909	
CHG	-19	-16997	1611	
PCT CHG	-1%	-9%	3%	

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 30-Aug-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.25-11.25	10.33
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.57
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading			

**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-10	4.5-7

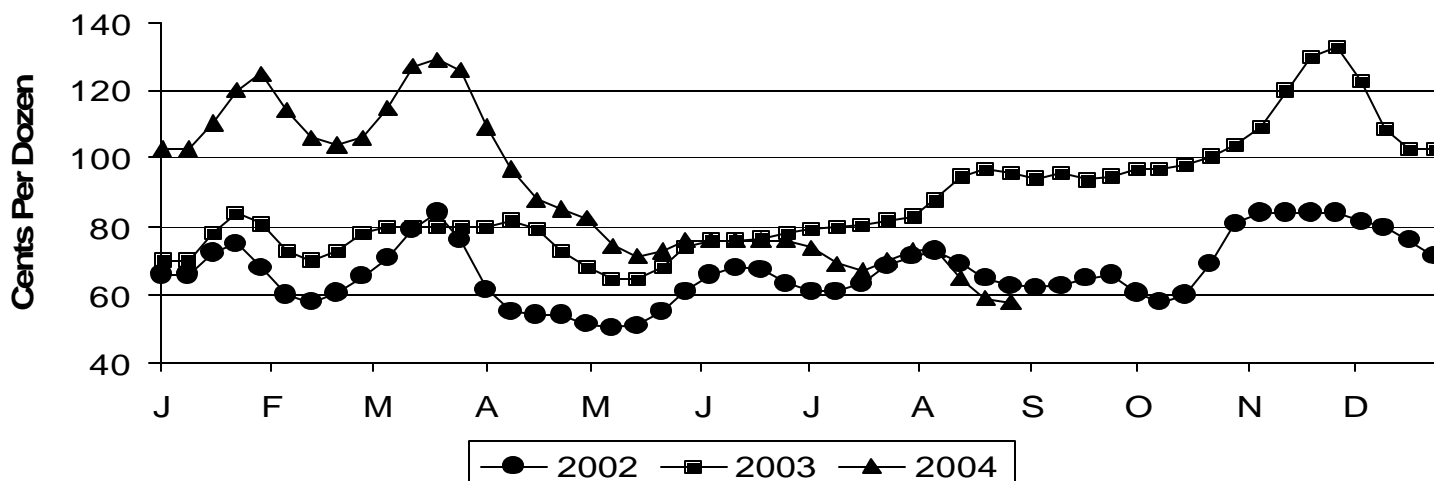
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 28-Aug-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.1	3	4
East North Central	602.9	7	7
West North Central	296.7	5	3
South Atlantic	219.9	3	4
South Central	70.4	21	4
West	193.6	3	5
Total	1610.6	5	5
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

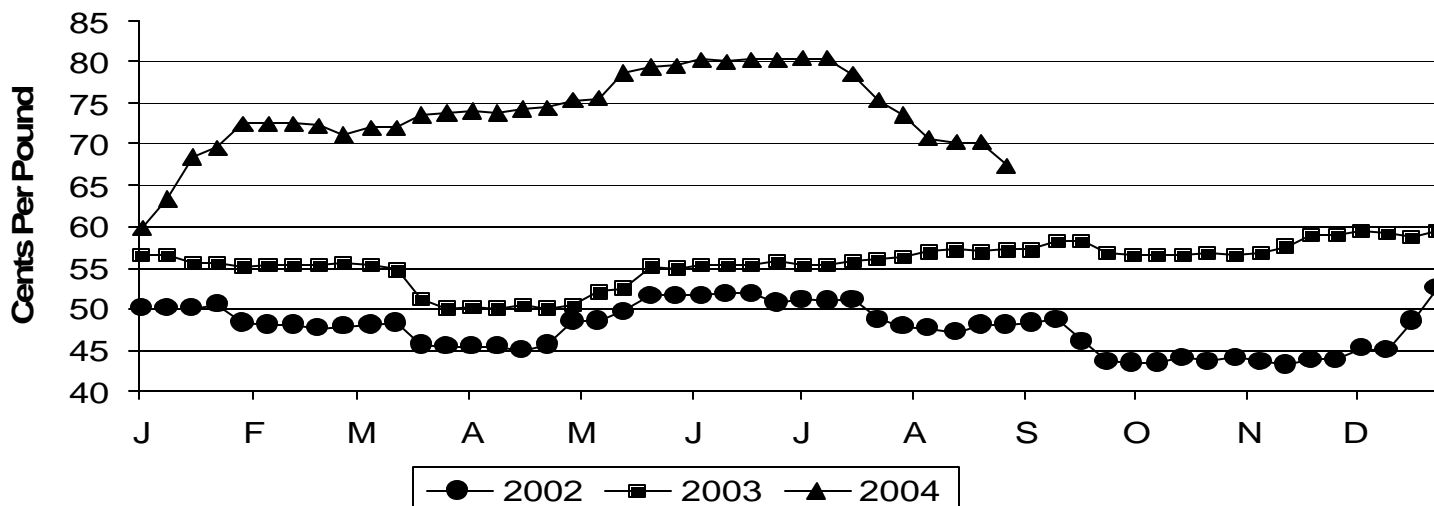
Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)  
West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)  
South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

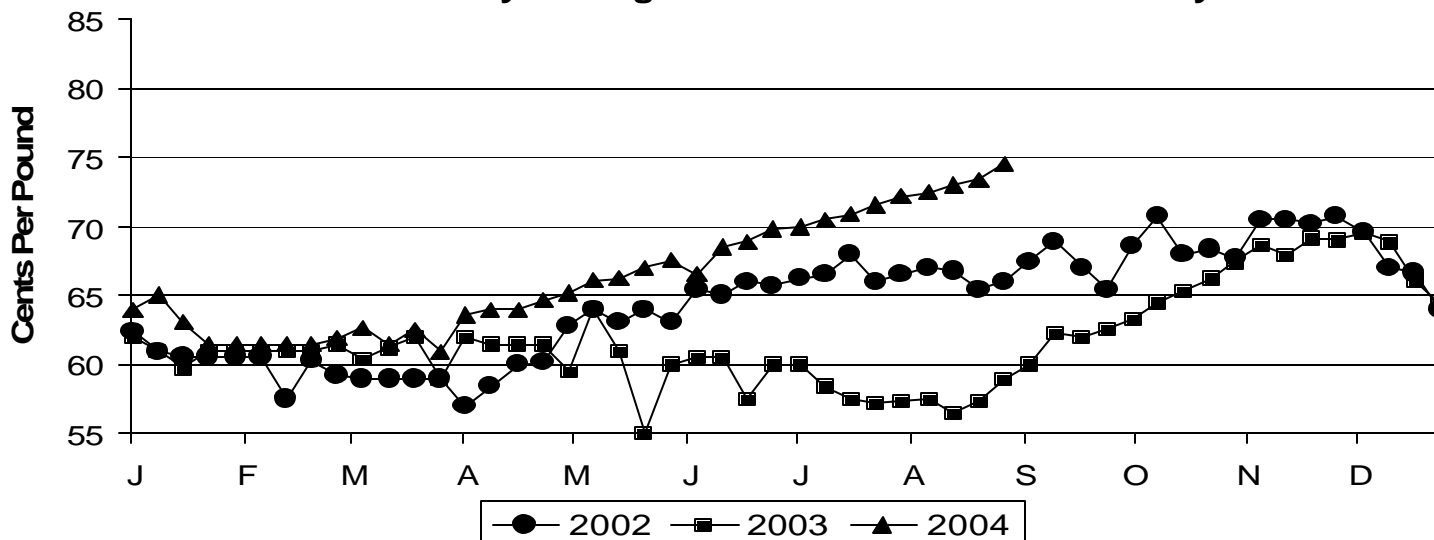
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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